

## **PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Route 110 is looking good! With only a couple months left to completion, the project after several decades is finally wrapping up and providing much needed relief to the neighborhood that had the previous alignment running right through its center. There are still finishing touches to be done including landscaping and the historic mitigation measures including markers, benches, and a book about Berlin history being steered by the Berlin Coos County Historical Society.

The Berlin Industrial Development and Park Authority (BIDPA) has kept busy behind the scenes with potential development projects that they are hoping to bring to fruition. They continue to keep busy with community and economic development efforts throughout the City.



*Planning Board Members Dec 2014-staff photo*

The Planning Board is continuing to work and review the City's 2010 Master Plan and other outdated regulations. There is a plan to seek funding to completely overhaul the City's Zoning Ordinance in the 2017 fiscal year which hasn't been revised in its entirety since 1999. The board will also seek input from the City Council and the public as their review progresses.

Several projects around the City are in active development and there is increased interest in the area around Jericho Mountain State Park. Work is being done on both the Northern Lights Housing property and Brookside Park property. Both housing developments are getting energy efficient upgrades. The new apartments at the former Bartlett School are nearing completion and looking great. It will be good to have this school occupied by families in this neighborhood. The windmills for Jericho Mountain are scheduled to be delivered and erected by the end of summer.

Any citizen wishing to participate can come forward to volunteer for one of the many boards in the community. The Planning Department is home to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Berlin Industrial Development and Park Authority. All three boards encourage citizen involvement and welcome the community to participate or observe during their meetings. Visit the City's website and Facebook page regularly for information about our meetings; view the Moving Downtown Forward Strategy for Design and Economic Development, the City's Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance or other Planning & Zoning documents.

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